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Lone Star Cement Company
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Gentlemen:

The Federal Water Quality Act of 1965 required the establishment of water quality standards including water uses and water quality criteria and a plan of implementation and enforcement on all interstate and coastal waters. In compliance with the Act, the Washington State Water Pollution Control Commission prepared tentative standards and held public hearings throughout the state during 1966 and 1967 to receive testimony on the proposed standards. Hearing transcripts were reviewed and pertinent information was considered in preparing the final standards. The water quality standards have been adopted and are now enforceable by the Water Pollution Control Commission and the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration.

The standards and the plan of implementation establish a program to preserve and enhance the quality of interstate and coastal waters in accordance with the Federal Water Quality Act. Existing treatment of all municipal and industrial wastes discharging to these waters has been evaluated and necessary treatment or control improvements have been established. In determining these improvements, the following criteria were utilized:

1. All wastes shall be provided with all known, available and reasonable methods of treatment and control prior to their discharge into state waters.
2. All wastes discharged must maintain a quality in the receiving water compatible with the adopted water quality standards.
3. Wherever practical, all existing industrial and commercial wastes shall be intercepted and given treatment by a municipal entity.

The plan of implementation also established time schedules for implementing the required improvements to waste treatment or control facilities. Project time schedules for intermediate stages and completion dates were based on the complexity of the project and the effect of the existing discharge on receiving water quality.

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The Lone Star Cement Company discharges wastes to the Duwamish River, Class B Waters, by authority of Waste Discharge Permit No. 2119 which expires January 5, 1970. To comply with the water quality standards and the plan of implementation, required improvements to the waste treatment system together with the corresponding time schedule for the project are described below. You may continue to operate under your existing permit until the expiration date indicated above. To enable you to qualify for a new permit, however, you should follow the time schedule as indicated.

Elimination of the existing industrial waste discharge by connection to a municipal system shall be completed prior to the fourth quarter of 1968.

Your acknowledgement of this letter expressing concurrence with the described improvements and corresponding time schedule to comply with the water quality standards is requested by June 1, 1968.

Should you have questions regarding necessary improvements to your waste system or the required time schedule, please feel free to contact Mr. Robert McCormick who is regional engineer for your area. If you wish to schedule a meeting to discuss these requirements in greater detail, it would be desirable to arrange such a meeting in our Seattle office. This request is made because of our staff limitations and the many requests that we anticipate will be made for additional information. Our Seattle address is 3700 Rainier Avenue South, telephone PA 2-0666.

Washington State is fortunate in having an abundance of high quality waters. In comparison with many other regions of the United States, our waters excel in both quantity and quality. Continued strides forward are essential, however, if we are to maintain high water quality, and preserve this vital resource for the use and enjoyment of not only our generation, but for future generations. I sincerely request your full cooperation toward accomplishing this endeavor.

Very truly yours,

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